CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	London 1989 AND tkoguynz (EXCEL)
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Applicant:	The District Court at Dunedin
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	29 July 2019
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	No notice of decision has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication is a record of a sexually explicit conversation between two parties engaged in "age play" (sexual roleplay). The publication is classified as objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. The scenario of this roleplay is highly problematic in that it deals with two adults, one the parent, sexually abusing a child for their own arousal which is described in salacious and clearly exploitative terms. This roleplay would certainly be sexually arousing to those with a prurient interest in children and it is the abuse of the child by two adults that is the main element of arousal in this scenario. The effect is to legitimise and normalise the sexual abuse of children and to present their sexual abuse as arousing to adults. The fact that it is a roleplay does not diminish the exploitative effect in this case. The objectionable classification limits the right to freedom of expression guaranteed in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 but this outcome is consistent with parliament's intention that publications that promote and support the exploitation of children be deemed to be objectionable and also reflects the concern of New Zealand society to protect its young and vulnerable members from exploitation.